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Subject: Rezoning IP site for new jail

CITY CLERK

Hi Eddie,

Please prepare the paperwork to have the International Paper site rezoned for a new Vigo County Jail. I will be the City Council sponsor.

I have served as a volunteer, appointed Area Planning Commissioner for seven of the last 21 years. In that capacity, I have participated in many discussions and tough decisions involving zoning proposals. Please don't undermine the work and credibility of our admittedly imperfect system by trying to steer this proposal around requirements that it be properly zoned for its proposed use.

The uses permitted in the Penitentiary zoning classification are clearly stated in Section 10-252b of our current City Code. There, under "Uses Permitted", it states "Facilities for incarceration of persons ordered detained by local, state or federal officials". This is clearly the principal use of the proposed jail. It doesn't matter if it is called a jail or a penitentiary – the critical thing is it is being used to house prisoners.

The proposed International Paper site is zoned M2, and there isn't anything allowed in M2 that sounds like a jail or a penitentiary. When our current City Code contains a category which is so clearly intended to include jails as the Penitentiary category, it is disingenuous to try to fit it into something else.

Please contact me if you have questions about this request to prepare a rezoning petition.

See you soon,

Todd Nation
City Councilman, 4th District